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SUBC: NONALIGNED SUMMIT-FAREWELL DISCUSSION WITH  
FOREIGN MINISTER USHER

REF: (A) STATE 188769 (B) STATE 178439

1. DURING THE COURSE OF FAREWELL CALL ON MINISTER OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ARSENE USHER ASSOUAN, I INQUIRED AT TO  
IVORIAN REPRESENTATION AT FORTHCOMING NONALIGNED SUMMIT  
IN COLOMBO. USHER CONFIRMED RUMOR WE HAD BEEN HEARING IN  
LAST FEW DAYS THAT NO MINISTER WOULD ATTEND FROM IVORY  
COAST. HE ADDED THAT IVORIAN DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED  
BY AMBASSADOR TO UNITED NATIONS, SIMEON AKE.

2. I, NEVERTHELESS, TOOK OCCASION TO REVIEW U.S. POSITION  
ON KOREA AND ON PUERTO RICO. I CITED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S  
JULY 22 SPEECH WITH THE CALL FOR A CONFERENCE OF ALL  
PARTIES CONVERED IN KOREAN ISSUE AND REITERATED OUR  
WILLINGNESS TO TERMINATE THE UN COMMAND IN KOREA ONCE THERE IS  
A MUTUAL ACCORD PERPETUATION THE ARMISTICE OR REPLACING  
IT WITH A MORE PERMANENT ARRANGEMENT.

3. USHER AGREED WITH U.S. POSITION AND FOUND IT THE ONLY  
REASONABLE ONE UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

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4. I ALSO RESTATED OUR POLICY ON PUERTO RICO, STRESSING THE TINY MINORITY WHICH, UNDER CUBAN PRESSURE, IS PUSHING FOR INDEPENDENCE AND URGED PARTICULARLY THAT THIS MATTER NOT BE BROUGHT UP EITHER AT COLOMBO OR AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, I STRESSED THAT DEBATE AND VOTE ON PUERTO RICO WOULD BE CONSIDERED INTERVENTION IN U.S. DOMESTIC AFFAIRS AND WOULD HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON U.S. PUBLIC OPINION CONCERNING UN AS A WHOLE. IN VIEW OF GOIC POSITION ON COMMITTEE OF TWENTY-FOUR, I PARTICULARLY HOPED FOR IVORIAN SUPPORT.

5. IN THIS CASE TOO USHER WAS FULLY SYMPATHETIC WITH U.S. POSITION.

6. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO IVORY COAST I LEARNED THAT HE HAD ALSO SEEN USHER TODAY AND HAD RECEIVED SIMILAR RESPONSE ON KOREAN QUESTION.

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